Tiffany Dennison University of Georgia Office of Student Financial Aid Holmes-Hunter Academic Building, Room 312 101 Herty Drive Athens, GA 30602

Dear Ms. Dennison,

I'm a junior at the University of Georgia, and the financial aid office recently informed me my financial aid is suspended for the fall due to poor academic performance. I'd like to start by saying how much I've enjoyed my experience at UGA and how grateful I am to be a part of this school. That said, extenuating circumstances have made it difficult for me to maintain my grades.

After feeling sick for several weeks last semester, I was diagnosed with a rare chronic illness called Addison's disease, which means my body doesn't produce enough cortisol. Addison's zapped my energy and left me unable to get out of bed most days due to hormonal insufficiency. I worked out a plan with my professors and did my best to stick to it, but my GPA still fell slightly short of the 2.0 required to maintain my financial aid.

Before my diagnosis, I maintained GPAs of 3.5 and 3.6, respectively, during my first and second years of college. Now that I'm on the proper course of medication, my illness is much more manageable. If possible, I'd like to retake a couple of my classes this summer to improve my grades. I'd also like to request that UGA please reinstate my financial aid for the upcoming fall semester.

Thanks for your consideration. Regards, Jill Milner